



THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED SPRING FESTIVAL was held last Saturday, May 5, in New Brockton. A update was given to New Brockton Town Council members Monday evening during the monthly council meeting regarding the festival and all reports were good. Overall, festival organizers said they were pleased with the days activities. There were plenty of arts and crafts vendors and the barbecue contest featured more entries than the previous year's event. Even New Brockton's first lady Barbara Cole got in on the barbecuing.

TOWN

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Tyler Street.

Monday evening, it was reported to council members that the job's contractor has indicated it will take a supplement of approximately \$96,000 to get the project back to where it was before the wash out from rains. With some grant funds currently still available, the town clerk said work is supposed to resume again and additional funds will be reviewed in the future if actually needed.

Williams did say that the contractor will work in a hurry this time when work resumes trying to avoid any further delays from rain. Reportedly, the project was within three weeks of being

completed when the March 1st rains created the initial wash out.

During Monday's meeting, council member voted to approve a contract for debris removal. They also voted to approve the paying of monthly bills totaling \$30,468.81. This included \$15,828.66 prepaid and \$14,640.15 to be paid.

Announcements from the town council meeting included:

- Town hall offices will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.
- A leadership training will be conducted Tuesday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the new town hall office.



THE ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION SPONSORED a meeting last Thursday, May 3, at Noon in front of the west side entrance to the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba. This meeting was in observance of the National Day of Prayer. As shown, several local citizens and officials took time from the busy schedules to join in this time of prayer.



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Elba City Council approves clean-up ordinance, paving project and two board appointments

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council was busy Monday evening approving an off premises beer license, appointing a school board member and a member of the Mental Health Board. In addition they passed a sweeping clean-up ordinance in an effort to put teeth in enforcement of requirements.

The council tabled action on increasing police officer pay by \$1.50 an hour. Mayor James Grimes said the move would cost \$40,000 annually in direct payments to officers and about 25% more in taxes and benefits.

The council had discussed this issue in a workshop a couple of weeks ago, and all seemed to agree it was necessary in an effort to retain good officers and replace those who have already taken jobs in other communities. However, a motion to table the matter and continue the discussion in another workshop passed unanimously.

The council also heard from a delegation of residents who live on Marilyn Street concerning an ongoing sewage problem.

These residents all utilize septic tanks for their sewage and report continuing overflow problems.

Tim Kyles, speaking on behalf of the residents, requested help from the city, as septic tank service companies tell them additional field lines will not solve their overflowing problems.

One homeowner present reported being promised public sewage within two years when he and his wife bought their home. However the person who reportedly made that promise was not a city official.

These homes are all below the level of the sewer collector line along old Highway 84, near the Elba schools. Furnishing sewage collection to these houses would require an expensive pumping system, explained the mayor.

Grimes told the group a federal grant application to solve their problem had been rejected but efforts are ongoing to find funding to help these residents.

One suggestion made by contractor Robert Kilcrease involved a much less expensive system. He gave city officials

the necessary information and they promised to get cost estimates on installing such a collection system.

H H Culver was reappointed to the Mental Health Board. The council also appointed Gappa Wise to a full term on the Elba School Board. Wise had been serving out an unexpired term on the school board.

Approval was given to an off premises beer license for Kyles Place at 1525 Jones Street. Detrick Kyles is the listed owner.

This application had been delayed at a previous meeting because council members felt some legal requirements had not been met.

The council passed a long discussed clean-up ordinance in an effort to put teeth in efforts to make Elba a cleaner looking

Elba man arrested on rape charges

An Elba man found himself behind bars this week facing charges of rape first degree following a weekend complaint.

Elba Chief of Police Freddy Hanchey said Tommy Franklin Shepperd, age 39, of Hickman

community. The 3,849 word ordinance is printed in its entirety on page 12 of today's edition of The Elba Clipper.

A \$43,625 price was accepted on resurfacing Buford Street from Claxton to Yelverton and also resurfacing Yelverton from Buford to U. S. 84 (old post office).

The work will be done by Wiregrass Construction Company while they are in Elba doing the resurface work on U. S. Highway 84.

Mayor Grimes explained it is much cheaper to get the work done while the contractor is in the area for other work than to contract with someone to move equipment in just for the city work.

Restricted gasoline excise taxes will be used to fund the project.

Shepperd currently is being held in the Coffee County Jail with no bond following a parole recommendation.

ELBA MAYOR James Grimes was on hand Monday morning in the courtyard of the Elba Nursing Home to kick off the celebration of National Nursing Home Week.

Grimes read a proclamation honoring the event and then presented a copy to Mrs. Marie LaPore before joining with staff and residents in releasing dozens of colorful balloons to mark the beginning of this special week.

March 1st tornado unites Enterprise resident with 33 Indiana State University students

One of the many people who lost homes, had damage or lost loved ones during the March 1st tornado that hit the City of Enterprise was Lillian Ward. Her home was completely destroyed during the tornado on that fateful day.

Ward is now living in a family home in Elba. Her future plans are not finalized, but she is strongly considering staying in Elba and not trying to rebuild her Enterprise home.

As it many times happens, much compassion was given to those who had lost so much. For Ward, it came in the form of students from Indiana State University.

The students helped Ward sort through the rubble to find many items such as her Bible, photos and a plaque she received as senior citizen volunteer of the year. All of this was in addition to her clothes, appliances and many other household items.

Shortly after the students left, they sent Ward a photo of them standing with her. Al Perone, director of student activities and organizations at Indiana State University, was with the students during their trip to Enterprise. He wrote Ward a note explaining how her attitude during such a trying time had, "changed the student's lives."

Also included on the back of the picture were signatures and short notes from each of the students. A total of 33 young men and women from Indiana State University spent their spring

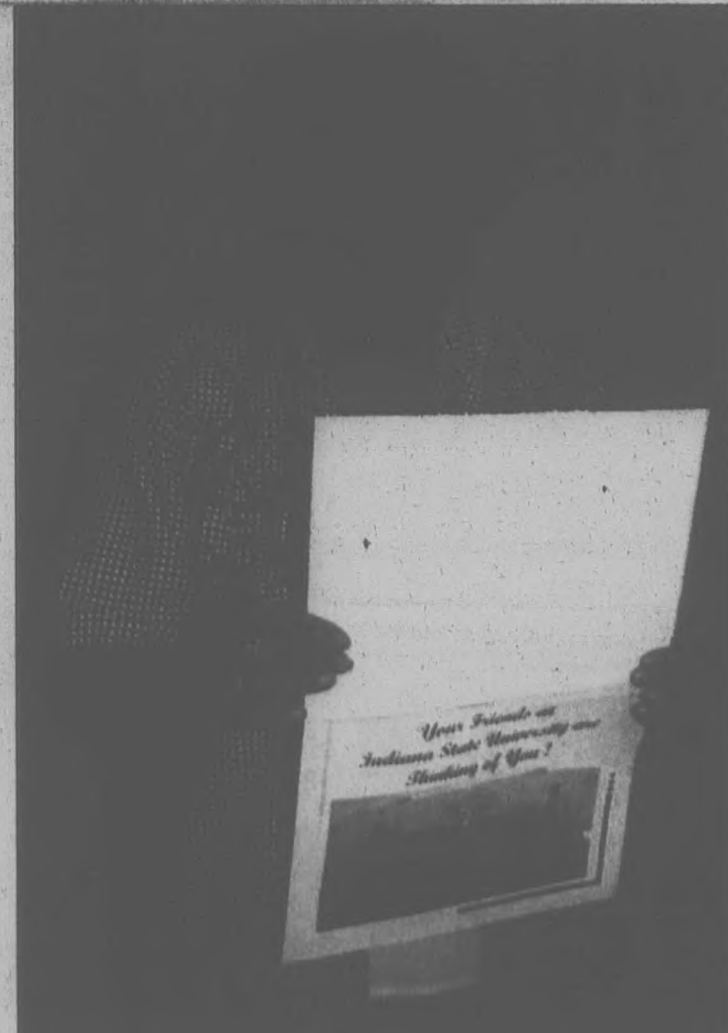
Everett announces \$254,459 federal grant for Elba airport

The Federal Aviation Administration has approved a \$254,450 grant for the Elba Airport Authority, Congressman Terry Everett, R-Rehoboth, announced last Thursday.

"I am pleased to announce the approval of a federal grant to make airport improvements to the Elba airport," Everett said.

"The FAA grant will fund the acquisition of additional land for the airport's runway protection zone," he continued. "Local airports are critical to economic development of our communities and I was pleased to support this grant and look forward to its implementation."

break helping Lillian Ward and other Enterprise residents pick up the pieces left by the March 1, 2007 tornado.



Lillian Ward shows off the photo, note and signatures sent to her by Indiana State University students after they spent Spring Break helping the people of Enterprise "pick up the pieces" from the devastating tornado.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, May 15, (TODAY) at 6 p.m. in the Elba City Council Room. The board will discuss emergency communications and discuss the board's role in the community. For more information, call Charles Webb at 334-1200.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER will be Monday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Elba City Council Room is located in the Elba City Council Community Center at 1000 Highway 84.

Elba Airport — Everett said, "I am pleased to announce the approval of a federal grant to make airport improvements to the Elba airport," Everett said. "The FAA grant will fund the acquisition of additional land for the airport's runway protection zone," he continued. "Local airports are critical to economic development of our communities and I was pleased to support this grant and look forward to its implementation."

NEWS BRIEF

Billy Joe Magwood received a death sentence June 2, 1981 after being convicted of the capital murder of then Coffee County Sheriff C.F. "Nell" Grantham. He shot and killed Grantham in front of the Coffee County Jail, then in Elba, on March 1, 1979.

Approximately 10 years ago, an appeal was filed for Magwood. In an attempt to fight the death sentence, he was granted a stay of execution. He was granted a stay of execution April 9th when U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson ruled Magwood's death sentence violated due process and must be overturned.

In the ruling, Thompson said the Alabama Attorney General's office has 90 days to appeal his decision. Alabama Attorney General Troy King says he plans to do just that.

King, a native of Elba, has said he was very unhappy with Thompson's ruling indicated justice was denied. He said he will file an appeal to the 11th Circuit Court and also file a writ of the judge's opinion. If necessary, King said he is prepared to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.



ALABAMA STATE TROOPER WILLIE WHITE was recently honored with a banquet upon his retirement after 30 years service. Above Captain Crittenden presents White with a plaque honoring his service. He was also given the service revolver he carried during his thirty years of service.

A resolution was read which had been passed in the Alabama House of Representatives recognizing his years of faithful service to the people of Alabama.

Fellow troopers presented him with a gold watch, another plaque and an envelope of "gas money" since he would no longer have a state trooper car assigned to him.

Former trooper R. W. Whitworth reminded Trooper White and his friends of a few comical and/or embarrassing happenings during Trooper White's 30 years of service.

Serve Men the Elba Fire Dept.



Firefighter Kelly Shehee

Kelly's family includes his wife, Kayron, and son, Whit. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing and hunting.

Kelly Shehee joined the Elba Volunteer Fire Department approximately one year ago.

He said he joined the local department to "help serve the community in a positive way."

Shehee's special training includes, but is not limited to, Certified Firefighter/Instructor, Haz-Mat Technician, Technical Rescue and EMT.

When asked what he enjoys most about being a member of the fire department, he said, "Building a camaraderie with the fellow firemen and also working together to protect our community."

Shehee is employed by the Fort Rucker Fire Department. In regards to his most memorable firefighting experience, he said there are just too many to narrow it down to one.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Fern Cox

Fishermen should be excited to know the Coffee County Lake will be opening Friday. A new manager is in place, the lake is restocked, etc. and we suspect those big old fish wake up every morning looking for some excited fisherman to drop a baited hook into the water. Manager Jonas Messick says he is there to serve the fishing public and will be open seven days a week. Hopefully area residents will appreciate this nose-to-the-grindstone schedule and support the county pond by doing a lot of their fishing out there.

The Alabama Supreme Court greatly upset some folks with financial interest in gambling, more particularly the "one armed bandits" slot machine type. They actually ruled them illegal in a case which continues to be appealed and is now going to the U. S. Supreme Court. A news release from their attorneys this week was praising a group called "Georgia Committee For Ethical Judicial Campaigns" for filing a friend of the court brief supporting their claim that some Alabama judges are biased against them and should have recused themselves from the case. Before we get into the yea and nay of the issue, there is a question of just who makes up this high sounding committee? It would be an extreme, but it could be three drunks in the state pen. Our opinion is that the majority of Alabama citizens do not want gambling in this state, thus the ruling should stand.

Another issue this case raises is "judges voicing opinions". The public wants personal positions, the news media demands to know the same, thus the judges give in and voice their opinions on various issues. The logic is that the voters deserve to know the opinions of those they are about to elect. Now a case comes up on one of these issues, and the loser wants the judge who actually has an opinion to step aside for hearing their case. All humans have opinions, it is part of the process of thinking. While it might be best for judges to not voice these opinions publicly, they still have them. We personally like to know something about the person(s) voters are putting in these extremely high positions.

Last week our comments were admittedly optimistic, but believing the new steel plant was going to be located in Alabama. This time we were right! The news announcement was everywhere by the time Alabama folks woke up Friday morning. The company board of directors had met in Germany, voted and immediately made the decision known worldwide. They also sweetened the pot a bit by increasing the total investment dollars. This is one huge pile of jobs for Alabama, or any state. Even though the plant will be on 4,000+ acres in North Mobile County, the impact will be felt far and wide. As time moves on, it is not inconceivable to expect extensive, even if indirect, impact in the Coffee County area.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 7, 2007, investigated the following incidents: two for harassing communications, one for harassment, one for domestic violence, two domestic disputes, one for a collision with an unattended vehicle, one for unauthorized use of a vehicle, one for driving under the influence and one for burglary.

The following arrests were made: one for domestic violence, one for harassment, two for failure to appear and one for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driving without a headlight, two for no insurance, five for not wearing a seat belt, three for speeding, one for driver's view obstructed, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, one for improper lane change, one for an improper windshield, one for a suspended driver's license, one for no driver's license in possession, four for no proof of insurance, one for a revoked driver's license, one for harassment, one for a switched tag and one one for violation of the noise ordinance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, MAY 7 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 37 N. (5:30 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2805 Taylor Mill Rd. (8:46 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAY 8 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 859 Claxton Ave. (11:34 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 741 Smith Ave. (12:50 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a brush fire at 1695 County Rd. 408 (4:23 p.m.); Domestic violence reported at 723 Williams St. (5:25 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Beaver Dam Apts. (11:10 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 165 Larkin Rd. (1:23 a.m.); Possible domestic disturbance reported at 915 Simmons St. (4:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (2:29 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 165 Larkin Rd. (5:11 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAY 10 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 302 Brunson Circle (9:30 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dis-

patched to Larkin Rd. (1:10 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 961 Harper Dr. (9:22 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAY 11 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to 430 Plant Ave. (7:28 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (not in progress) reported at 1032 Martin Luther King Dr. (9:43 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MAY 12 - Domestic disturbance reported at 1622 Stouemire (3:58 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1549 Powell Circle (5:22 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a (mobile home) fire at 11303 Hwy. 125 (3:39 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the fire at 11303 Hwy. 125 (3:40 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 20079 Hwy. 189 (5:02 p.m.); Disturbance (possible fight) reported on the Claxton Ave. side of the Shell station (6:48 p.m.); Elba Fire

Department dispatched to a vehicle fire at 430 Plant Ave. (7:42 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Rebecca Lane (8:48 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAY 13 - Disturbance (noise) reported in the area of 704 N. Claxton Ave. (2:26 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1550 County Rd. 315 (11:45 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1233 Farris Ave. (3:22 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1172 County Rd. 201 (8:26 p.m.).

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Obituary

LOIS REDMON

Mrs. Lois Redmon, age 93, of Opp, Ala., died Wednesday, May 9, 2007, in a local hospital. Funeral services were held May 11, 2007 at Wyatt Funeral Home in Opp with Rev. Robert Davis officiating. Burial followed in Peaceful Acres Cemetery.

Mrs. Redmon was preceded in death by her husband, James Coleman Redmon.

Survivors include one sister: Cleopha Johnson Nobles; one sister-in-law: Johnnie Manning Johnson; four nieces: Angela Nobles Phillips, Martha Johnson Black, Susan Nobles Cecil and Janet Johnson; and two nephews: Harvey Donaldson and David Johnson.

Dear Editor:

Opening Ceremonies

We desperately need your help in locating and informing Alabama veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan about a one-of-a-kind, state sponsored ceremony honoring them for their service.

Alabama military personnel serving in, or in support of, Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and/or Iraqi Freedom are eligible for a special medal designed and minted for them. It is called the Liberty Bell Medal and will be presented to them at the opening ceremonies of the Alabama Sports Festival, Friday evening, June 29, in Birmingham. Alabama veterans of these campaigns must register in order to be on the roster to receive the Liberty Bell Medal. There is no charge and registration can be done online at www.alagames.com.

Family members of veterans presently deployed, killed in action, or disabled may represent the veteran in their absence. Our challenge is getting the information to our service personnel who have served in order

that they will have the opportunity to receive this much deserved medal. Please help us by making these announcements a special priority within your newspaper.

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We would like to thank all our friends for the cards, flowers, food, visits and prayers while Jim was in the hospital the past 3 1/2 weeks and since our return home. You will never know how much it meant to us and how it helped us to know you were with us in your thoughts and prayers as we went through this difficult time. We are blessed and humbled to have such wonderful friends. May God bless each and every one of you.

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On May 14, 1796, three days before his forty-seventh birthday, Dr. Edward Jenner infected eight-year-old James Phipps with cowpox. The disease causes a skin rash on cows' udders and can infect humans who handle infected cows. More anyone than a health threat, it causes sores on the hands and arms of those it infects.

Dr. Jenner was a well-respected physician who practiced in the small English town of Berkeley. Over the years, he observed that milkmaids who contracted cowpox were unlikely to later contract a more serious disease that killed twenty to thirty per cent of those it infected. That disease was smallpox, which had plagued the world for centuries. Even survivors bore disfiguring scars for the rest of their lives.

Earlier in May, a milkmaid named Sarah Nelmes had come to Dr. Jenner with cowpox. He extracted some fluid from Sarah's sores, using it to infect James. As Jenner expected, James, who was his gardener's son, recovered within a week. Having contracted cowpox, the question Dr. Jenner hoped to answer was: Have I protected him from smallpox?

Although Dr. Jenner felt confident about his past observations, there was only one way to be certain. He had to infect James with smallpox. Six weeks later on July 1, 1796, Dr. Jenner infected the eight-year-old with smallpox. To everyone's relief, the child never developed any symptoms of the disease.

Dr. Jenner named his new procedure "vaccination," and ran more tests. None of the patients, including his own eleven-month-old son, developed smallpox. In 1798, he published his results.

The medical profession and the public reacted with a mixture of caution and fear. Some felt using fluid from an animal was disgusting, others felt that injecting foreign matter under the skin must be dangerous, and some doctors even feared the inexpensive procedure would reduce their incomes.

Opposition faded slowly. In 1853, the British Parliament made cowpox vaccination mandatory for children, a decision that triggered nationwide protests. Not until the final decade of the nineteenth century did vaccination become truly universal. When it did, smallpox deaths fell to five per cent of what they had been twenty years earlier.

Even so, the twentieth century was seventy-seven years old before the world saw its last case of smallpox.

Would you like to find out more about the war against smallpox, and Edward Jenner's dramatic discovery? Take the Web Journey.

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LIFESTYLES

The Magnolia Home and Garden Club elect new officers for coming year



New installed officers for The Magnolia Garden Club

The Magnolia Home & Garden Club held its final meeting of the year on May 3, 2007. The event was a luncheon at Jade's Restaurant in Enterprise. Seven members were present. President Marlene Willis shared an appropriate poem with the group entitled "Angels in My Garden."

After lunch, the President officiated at the Installation of Officers for the coming year. Those elected were Louise Hudson, President; Janine Coles, Vice-President; Marlene Willis, Recording Secretary; Ann Miles, Corresponding Secretary; Alene Lee, Treasurer; Marlene Willis, Historian; and JoAnne Parker, Parliamentarian. Each officer read her main duties to the club.

Area students graduate from TSUD recently

Troy University graduates were encouraged to develop a sense of industry today as some 130 undergraduates and 55 graduate students participated in the Dothan Campus' spring commencement.

"Benjamin Franklin said that Americans have a unique characteristic - a sense of industry that leads them to see that something needs to be done and then doing it," said Major General Virgil Packett, commanding general of the United States Army Aviation Warfighting Center and Fort Rucker.

"Your sense of industry will make this country great. Follow your curiosity and turn over the next page," he told graduates. "Take ownership of your future."

In preparing to introduce Major General Packett, TROY Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr. challenged graduates to view the world as flat and interconnected, citing that TROY alumni are found in more than 50 countries.

"In the end, it's not about a financial portfolio but about the portfolio of lives that you have touched," he said. **Coffee County** Bachelors Degrees: Elba, William Christopher Brunson, Janet G. Mauldin (Cum Laude) Education Specialist Degree - New Brockton, Mark Paul Edgar

Mr. Garman is the son of Dennis and Valerie Garman of Fort Mill, S.C. He is the grandson of Sam and Ruth Garman of Mount Jackson, Va., and John and

Patricia Minnoch of Jupiter, Fla. He is a 2004 graduate of Winthrop University.

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Elba Girl Scout Troop #300 holds their traditional Spring Tea on Sunday afternoon, April 29

Nine graduating seniors were guests of honor when Senior Girl Scout Troop #300 entertained at its traditional Spring Tea on Sunday, April 29th at the Olde South Inn. Honorees were Miss Sydney Brunson, Miss Christina Bryant, Miss Ciara Burrows, Miss Whitney Kilcrease, Miss Lauren McClung, Miss Melanie Mulaz, Miss Anna Petty, Miss Stephanie Sanders and Miss Haley Stinson.

Arriving guests were greeted on the spacious front porch by freshman Girl Scouts where they registered and received their name tags. Miniature bouquets of spring flowers graced the registry tables, as well as a child's antique tea set.

In the reception rooms the seniors and members of their families received their guests. Each girl held an arm bouquet of white calla lilies tied with white and gold satin ribbons.

In the dining room, the tea table was covered with an heirloom cloth of sheer linen and centered with a massive silver candelabrum holding aloft four white pillar candles, white Casa Blanca lilies and Queen Ann's Lace. Purple Dutch iris and white lilies stood in beds of black pebbles that filled the silver charges placed on either side.

Serving as co-chairmen of the tea were Meredith Brunson, Maizie Thomas, and Rachel Morrow, who were responsible for overseeing the day's activities. Special responsibilities

were carried out by Emily Miller, Megan Sullivan, and Ashley Bailey.

The C.C. Chapter of the Red Cross to hold instructor class

The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross is holding an instructor class June 23 & 24th from 9a.m. until 4p.m. The cost to attend is \$100.00. Call 334-347-2461 to register. Seating is limited.

Shiloh Baptist Church to celebrate 150th Anniversary on May 19 - 20

Shiloh Baptist Church will celebrate its 150th Anniversary on May 19-20, 2007. On May 19, there will be a spaghetti supper beginning at 5 p.m. with the Sullivan Family performing at 7 p.m. On May 20th, worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. with dinner on the grounds beginning at 12 p.m. There will also be a recognition service at 2 p.m. followed by The Sullivan Family at 2:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited and former members and families of former members are encouraged to attend. For more information or to share pictures or other information about the church, contact Pastor Joe Farris at 565-3596.

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church to hold Cemetery Trust Fund Meeting

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, County Road 228, near Victoria, will have a Cemetery Trust Fund Meeting on Saturday, May 19, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. All concerned people are asked to attend.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church plans homecoming for Sunday, May 20th

Mt. Zion Baptist Church will have homecoming services on Sunday, May 20. At 10:00 a.m. there will be a song service featuring Old Southern Gospel. At the 11:15 worship service the guest speaker will be Rev. Hubert McWaters Lurch will follow after morning worship.

Edmonson-Taylor wedding to be held Friday evening, May 25th

Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Edmondson of Jack, Alabama announce the marriage of their daughter, Anna Edmondson, to Marcus Taylor, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Taylor of Elba, Alabama.

The bride is a student at Troy University in Troy, Alabama where she is studying to become an elementary teacher.

The groom is a history teacher and coach at Zion Chapel High School. He is a graduate of Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in history education.

The wedding ceremony will take place at Wise Mission Assembly of God Church in Elba, Alabama, on May 25, 2007 at 6:00 in the evening. The reception will immediately follow in the fellowship building of the church. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Zion Chapel Senior Center to host Open House on Sunday, May 20

The Zion Chapel Senior Center will host an Open House of Sunday, May 20, 2007 from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Linda Westbrook, County Commissioner District 1 and Jody Millette, Director of Zion Chapel Senior Center will be in attendance. The Zion Chapel Senior Center is located in the Zion Chapel Community eight miles north of Elba, on Hwy. 87

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

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Players selected for volleyball team

by Ciara Burrows

The new Lady Tigers' volleyball players were selected last week after a week of drills and practice.

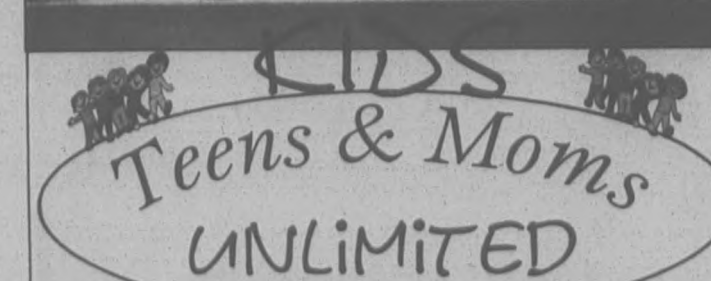
Seniors Ciara Burrows and Anna Petty assisted in teaching the girls the basics: how to bump, set, spike, and serve. The girls also learned the correct way to stretch.

As the week progressed, the girls learned that volleyball wasn't as easy as it looked. Some of the girls quit after a few days, but many continued and made the team.

The new volleyball players

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D.A.R.E. graduation held at Elba Elementary School

by Tierney Starks

On Friday, May 4, the sixth grade class (Class of 2013) graduated from the D.A.R.E. program at Elba Elementary School.

The graduation ceremony started at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria of EES. The D.A.R.E. Officer is Officer Dean Blair.

Alabama State Trooper Johnny Senn was the speaker for this program. The D.A.R.E. program had four different awards to present: essay winners, D.A.R.E. spirit award and D.A.R.E. Student of the Year and D.A.R.E. Class of the Year.

The essay winners were

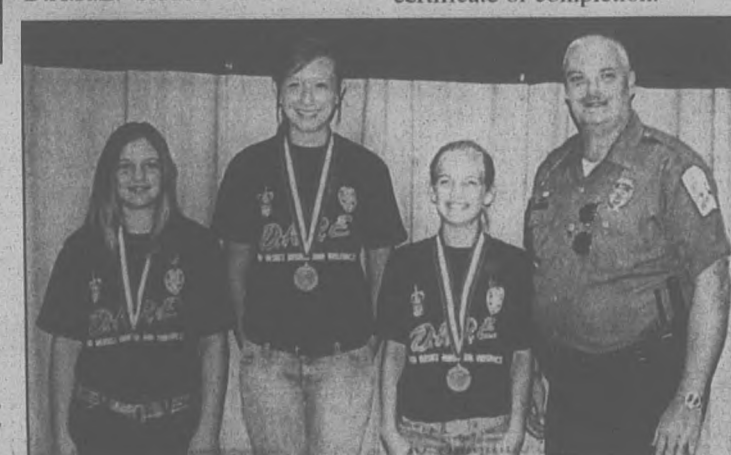
Megan Concannon, Julianne Davis and Alex Hocutt. The D.A.R.E. Spirit Awards went to Hayes Spicer, Brinley Williams and Chloe Simmons.

The D.A.R.E. Student of the Year



Mrs. Millie McCollough's class was named D.A.R.E. Class of the Year

award was presented to Jordan McDaniel and Mrs. Millie McCollough's class was named D.A.R.E. Class of the Year. Each graduate was awarded a certificate of completion.



Essay winners included Julianne Davis, Megan Concannon and Alex Hocutt. Officer Dean Blair presented each with a medalion.



D.A.R.E. Spirit Award winners included Hayes Spicer, Brinley Williams and Chloe Simmons. Also pictured is Officer Dean Blair.

Lincoln Welding Electric Company visits EHS

by Melanie Mularz

The students at Elba High School welcomed the Lincoln Welding Electric Company Monday, March 26.

Lincoln Welding is a company based out of Cleveland, Ohio, with many other locations across the United States. Elba hosted the Birmingham location.

The company travels across the U.S., visiting schools and introducing their new, advanced equipment to high school students. Elba High School also welcomed the welding classes from Enterprise High School, and the students from both schools were able to test the new equipment.

This was an excellent opportunity for the students at both schools, and Bruce Sasser, welding instructor at Elba High School, gave some special insight into the welding field.

"Welding, a dirty and dangerous job, has fallen out of favor the past two decades, as young skilled laborers pursue cleaner, safer and less physically demanding work. Now thanks to a worldwide boom in industrial manufacturing, skilled welders are in greater demand more than

ever. Companies cannot find enough skilled welders; the American Welding Society, an industry group, predicts that by 2010 the demand for skilled welders may outweigh supply by about 200,000. Welding is a job that is not easy to automate. Repairs on our nation's aging infrastructure, such as bridges, require judgment calls a robot cannot yet make. So, where have all the welders gone?

The average age of welders is currently 54. As the increasing of retirements boom, high schools, secondary schools and on-site training programs can't provide enough replacements fast enough. Lincoln Electric and other industries have teamed up, by going into high schools, and secondary schools promoting the welding industry. Doing so enables our younger generation to learn of the vast job opportunities and see the technical advancement in the welding field. Skilled welders not only earn high wages, the rewards of a job well done help build character and pride. If you are looking for a career where there is a high demand, high wages, and great rewards, today a great time to be a welder."

With one win behind them, they then had to face the Straught Tigers Thursday night. The Lady Tigers jumped on Straught 3-0 in the first inning and then 4-1 in the second inning. The girls gave the crowd some excitement in the bottom of the seventh, with the score 4-3, Elba leading, and with Straught having runners on 2nd and 3rd. The Lady Tigers forced Straught to leave the runners on base and won the game 4-3. The win put Pike County and Straught into the losers bracket. Elba needed only one more win to take home the area championship.



Student Spotlight

by Yoquesha Terry

This week's student spotlight focuses on Thomas Cole. He is in the seventh grade and is the 13-year-old son of Kathryn Cole and Steven Cole.

Thomas is in the Elba Tiger Marching Band, where he plays trumpet, and he is also in SGA. He was a member of the Jr. High basketball team on which he played center.

Thomas enjoys playing basketball, and video games and spending time with family and friends. He attends Harris Temple Church of God in Christ, where he is an active youth member. His plans after graduation are to attend college and major in business.

When asked to describe himself, Thomas said, "humorous, and best all around."

Lady Tigers win area softball tournament

by Melanie Mularz

The Lady Tigers were able to extend their season to at least one more week last Thursday and Friday. Each game played by the ladies was a tough match. The Lady Tigers started off the tournament Thursday against Pike County. The Tigers saw the lead slowly slipping away early because of some key errors, but were able to fight back hard and take the win 4-3 in 8 innings. The girls got key hits, ran the bases well, and combined with Pike County errors pulled out the win.

With one win behind them, they then had to face the Straught Tigers Thursday night. The Lady Tigers jumped on Straught 3-0 in the first inning and then 4-1 in the second inning. The girls gave the crowd some excitement in the bottom of the seventh, with the score 4-3, Elba leading, and with Straught having runners on 2nd and 3rd. The Lady Tigers forced Straught to leave the runners on base and won the game 4-3. The win put Pike County and Straught into the losers bracket. Elba needed only one more win to take home the area championship.

The girls faced Straught for a second time in the tournament. This time it seemed the Elba Lady Tigers had laid down as the opponents took over. Straught defeated the Tigers 9-1. With this making only one loss for Elba and Straught, both teams had to go into the "if" game. The Elba girls stepped onto the field the second game, determined to win; and that's exactly what they did. Straught posted a run on the board early, but not for long as the Lady Tigers scored on a passed ball, leaving the score tied at 1-1 for the remaining 6 innings. But thanks to a base hit, a sacrifice bunt, and a huge Straught error, Elba ended the game 2-1 in eight innings. Head Coach Rudy Free stated, "Big time players, make big time plays."

SCHOOLS

Focus on Faculty

Name: Tonita Bentley
When is your birthday? Aug. 23
How long have you been teaching? 19 years

What do you think about Zion Chapel? "I like ZCHS a lot." "Me gusta Zion Chapel mucho!"

What is your favorite thing about teaching? "Working with students, teaching songs to help remember things."

What are your hobbies? "Watching my children play soccer, reading, and shopping"

What clubs/organizations are you involved in? Spanish club/Spanish classes

What is your biggest achievement? "My ability to totally embarrass my children."

What is your most embarrassing moment? "Tripping over the carpet in Spanish 2 on the first day of school last year."

Do you have any children? If so, how many? "2-Abslyn (5th grade ZCHS), and Andrew (9th grade CHHS)"

What college(s) did you attend? University of North Alabama-degree. "I've taken classes from Alabama, Auburn, and UAB."

Auburn or Alabama? "Orange and blue."

Anything else interesting or unique that you'd like to share? "I have the best students at ZCHS."

Name: Jacob Raspberry
When is your birthday? September 19

How long have you been teaching? "This would be my first year."

What do you think about Zion Chapel? "It is a great school with hard working kids."

What is your favorite thing about teaching? "Being able to pass skills and knowledge to someone else to give them a better future."

What are your hobbies? "I play saxophone and I like to collect things."

What clubs/organizations are you involved in? Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity, Music Educators National Convention

What is your biggest achievement? "Graduation from college."

What is your most embarrassing moment? "There are too many to list here."

Do you have any children? If so, how many? "No children."

What college(s) did you attend? Troy University Auburn or Alabama? Alabama

Name: Virginia McLeod
When is your birthday? October 6

What is your role in education? Nurse

What do you think about Zion Chapel? "I think it's a nice, down-home type of community."

What is your favorite thing about nursing? "Seeing the kids and hearing their views on things."

What are your hobbies? "Reading, cooking (when I have the time), and family events"

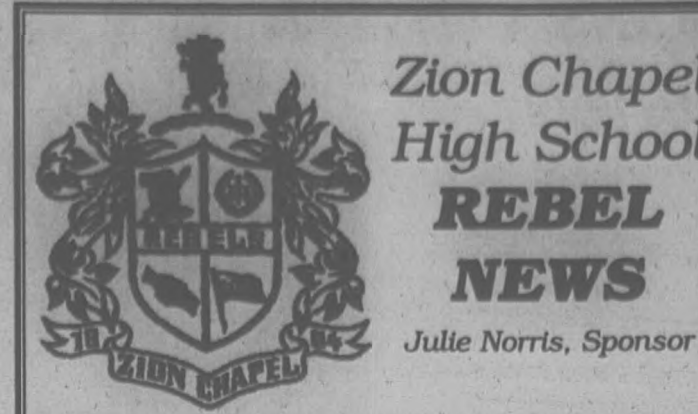
What clubs/organizations are you involved in? B.Y.W. American Nurse's Association, Alabama Nurse's Association, Hebron Baptist church

What is your biggest achievement? "My family."

What is your most embarrassing moment? "I have too many it's hard to say."

Do you have any children? If so, how many? Yes-4

What college(s) did you attend? Enterprise State Junior College, and University of South Alabama Auburn or Alabama? Alabama



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REBELS OF THE MONTH



(by Misti Miller and Clint Rhodes)...These students were nominated based upon academic excellence in the classroom and other areas of the school. Good character qualities and classroom behavior are two of the major reasons the teachers selected this month's 7-12 "Rebels of the Month." The "Rebels of the Month" for May are: seventh grader Megan Cox, age 13, the daughter of Eddie and Jessica Cox; eighth grader Zach Ellis, age 14, the son of Bart and Angie Ellis; ninth grader Zach Sawyer, age 15, the son of Del and Millissa Sawyer; tenth grader Cassie Strength, age 16, the daughter of Tony Strength and Shirley Frazier; eleventh grader Chase Perkins, age 17, the son of Denny and Tracy Perkins; and twelfth grader Erica Lewis, age 18, the daughter of Danny and Jan Lewis (not pictured).

Students take field trips

"Going Ape" - 1st Grade Field Trip
by Rod Rider and Tiffany Bryan

On Monday, April 30, fifty-two first graders from Zion Chapel took a field trip to the Montgomery Zoo. The well-behaved first graders enjoyed seeing the lions and tigers along with every other exotic animal that calls the Montgomery Zoo home. They were very impressed with the new addition of the African elephants and were thrilled with the reptile exhibits. They also enjoyed the company of the animals while picnicking on their nutritious sack lunch provided by the wonderful lunchroom staff at Zion Chapel School. Many of the kids were excited by their visit to the Zoo! The gift shop as they departed the zoo for their long journey home.

Second Grade Field Trip
by Loyd White

The Zion Chapel second grade students went on their yearly field trip to the civic center. They went on the trip last week. They went to the civic center to see the play Pinocchio. The children had a very enjoyable time watching the play. All of the children loved the play very much. Many of them wished that the play would not come to an end. "The trip was really fun," said second grader Hannah Whitman.

4th Grade Field Trip
by Israel Garcia and Katty Allen

Last Wednesday, the fourth graders at Zion Chapel Elementary School went to Montgomery, Ala. They left at 8 a.m. and returned at 5:30 p.m. The children had the opportunity to tour the Governors Mansion, Capital building, Archives and also visited the Museum where they met "Dusty the cow." The fourth grade teacher said it was a pleasant educational trip.

Students celebrate Cinco de Mayo

by Matt Williams

Students in Mrs. Tonita Bentley's Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Spanish 3 and Contemporary World Issues classes decorated the Zion Chapel lunchroom on Friday, May 4, in celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican celebration of the defeat of the French by the Mexican army at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862.

The students covered the tables in bright green and yellow paper and decorated them with tissue paper flowers and candles with designs inspired by Mexican mythology. Placemats were also placed on the tables. These featured authentic Aztec and Mayan designs stenciled and colored by the students themselves.

Band elections held for 2007-08 school year

by Sheena-Marie Hussey and Kelly Quattlebaum

The band officers for the 2007-08 school year are as follows: Band Captain - Rebecca Thompson. The duties of the Band Captain are to help keep the band in order both during games and practices. Lieutenant - Hillary Davis. The duties of the Lieutenant include making sure everyone has a uniform. Sergeant - Andrew Little. The duties of the Sergeant are making bus lists for the band, loading and unloading the band trailer and making sure coolers are full of water for practice.

Librarian - Kayla Tracy. The duties of the librarian include keeping up with all of the music in the band plays. Co-Librarian - Courtney Nelson. The co-librarian assists the librarian as she is needed. Drum Major tryouts were scheduled for Monday, May 14, and Colorguard tryouts were scheduled for Tuesday, May 15. The drum major and new members of the colorguard will be announced at a later date.



ZC Elementary students enjoy annual field day

by Ashley Hudson

On Friday, May 4, Zion Chapel held field day for the 2006-07 school year.

The boys competed first followed by the girls. Also the sixth graders started each event, except sponge and tug-of-war events when all the grades participate at once.

The order of events was as follows: 50 yard dash for grades 6-1, skipping for kindergartners, 3-legged race for 6-1, the 100 yard dash grades 6-K, softball throw grades 6-1, galloping for kindergartners, water balloon relay 6th through 1st grade, sack racing for kindergartners, the 50 yard relay which started with the 1st grade, Lunch was from 11:30-12:30, chain relay grades 6-1, 100 yard relay for grades 6-1, sack relay for grades 6-1, sponge relay grades K-6th to end the field day fun was tug-a-war. "This is always a great day for me," said Mrs. Skinner.



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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Mothers Day was a little extra special for the Mularz family as my Mom went home to Mobile after spending the past seven weeks away from home due to health problems. We have accepted the fact she will need help and won't be able to be total care for herself. However, I believe just being back at home may be the best medicine she could have taken and that in the days to come we will get to add more memories.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Lady Tigers saw their season come to an end last weekend when they dropped two straight games to Marbury in the sub-state finals. The Lady Tigers didn't save their best for last as they allowed 18 hits and committed 14 errors in the two games to finish the season with a 15-19 record. Elba had only two seniors on this year's roster, and at times had three eighth-graders and one ninth-grader in the line-up. So, if the younger girls work hard and dedicate themselves the Lady Tigers could be a team to watch for years to come.

*** The Kinston Lady Bulldogs will try and add the state softball title to their state volleyball crown this week when they head to Montgomery for the Class 1A state tournament. The Lady Bulldogs have won seven straight games in post-season play and have combined clutch hitting with dominating pitching to put themselves in position to win another state championship. Kinston will have to score some runs to bring home the title, but with their pitching staff they should always be in position to win every time they take the field.

*** The Elba Tigers will end spring football training Friday night when they host Zion Chapel in a spring jamboree. The Tigers have had 35-40 players out for spring practice for the past two weeks, and reports are that the players may be in the best physical condition of any group in years. I'm not sure how good the Tigers can look Friday night after just two weeks of practice, but one thing that is sure is that the players and coaches are working hard to turn things around.

*** In closing.... the youth leagues are playing four nights a week in Elba and all across the county, and I urge everyone that loves sports to come out one or two nights a week and watch these youngsters in action. The youngsters will make errors and all won't hit it over the fence, but they do give it all they have every time they come to the plate and when they take the field on defense. C'mon out and watch a game, and oh yeah, let'em hear you cheer!

Kinston advances to 1A state tournament with sub-state sweep

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs punched their ticket to the 1A State Softball Tournament last Friday afternoon by sweeping past Sweet Water 14-0 and 20-2, in a sub-state series at Sweet Water.

Bethany Holley allowed 2 hits and struck out 10 batters to lead Kinston to the opening win, while at the plate the Lady Bulldogs were led by Heather Marlowe and Kaliegh Sanders with 3 hits apiece. Tasha Jones, Katie Motler and Hollie

Kilcrease all added 2 hits.

In the second game of the best-of-three contest Kaliegh Sanders was the winning pitcher as she allowed 2 hits and struck out 10 batters.

Erin Shaw had 4 hits and knocked in 3 runs to the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Bethany Holley also added 4 hits and collected 2 rbi's. Heather Marlowe and Sara Mock both added 3 hits and knocked in 4 runs, and Katie Motler had 2 hits.

Elba Lady Tigers win sub-state opener

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the Washington County Lady Bulldogs last Tuesday afternoon in the opening round of sub-state softball action and claimed wins in the first and third game of the best-of-three series to advance to the sub-state finals.

Following are highlights of the three game series:
Elba 3 Washington County 0 - The Elba Lady Tigers pushed across three runs in the opening two innings and then turned things over to their defense as they blanked Washington County 3-0, in game one of the series.

Washington County loaded the bases with one out in the top of the first and appeared ready to take command; however, Elba survived the early scare and then grabbed a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Ashley Carpenter delivered a two-out single and scored on an rbi double by Melanie Mularz.

The Lady Tigers combined one hit with two errors in the second to stretch their lead to 3-0. Kayla Miller reached on an error to lead off the inning, moved to second on a fielder's choice off the bat of Chessie Cross, then scored on an error. Lindsey Carney later knocked in Cross with an rbi single, and after two innings Elba was on top 3-0.

Elba worked its way out of a bases-loaded jam in the third inning on a running catch in centerfield by Kiswana Cole, but then failed to take advantage of a bases-loaded situation with no outs in the fifth as the score remained at 3-0.

Washington County managed three hits in its final four trips to the plate, but failed to get on the scoreboard as Elba won the opener 3-0.

Lindsey Carney had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead Elba at the plate, while Melanie Mularz added 1 hit and 1 rbi and Ashley Carpenter had 1 hit and scored 1 run. Carney was the winning pitcher as she pitched seven innings and allowed 3 hits, with 6 strike-outs.

Washington County put a runner on third in the sixth inning, but failed to get on the scoreboard and watched as Elba held on and claimed the series title with the 2-0 win.

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County evened the series with a 7-2 win.

Elba managed only two base runners over the game's first four innings, with both coming on singles by Lindsey Carney and Melanie Mularz. Washington County was able to get on the scoreboard, however, as the Lady Bulldogs combined one hit with one error and one walk to grab a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first, then banged out five hits and took advantage of two errors to plate four runs in the fourth.

Elba, which stranded five runners on base in the opening five innings, finally got on the scoreboard in the top of the seventh as the Lady Tigers combined two errors with an rbi single by Bethany Wilson to cut into the lead, only to fall short and take the loss 7-2.

Melanie Mularz had 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Bethany Wilson had 1 hit and 1 rbi and Lindsey Carney added 1 hit. Brandy Caldwell was tagged with the loss inside the circle as she pitched six innings and allowed 3 earned runs on 6 hits.

Elba 2 Washington County 0 - The Elba Lady Tigers stranded eight runners on base, but did manage to plate two runs in the fourth inning as they advanced to the sub-state finals with a 2-0 win the final game of the night.

The Lady Tigers left runners on second and third in both the second and third innings, but broke through in the fourth and grabbed a 2-0 lead when Molly McGuire and Bethany Wilson reached on a back-to-back one-out singles. McGuire scored on a passed ball, and Wilson raced home on an rbi single by Lindsey Carney.

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WINNING FORM... Elba Lady Tiger Lindsey Carney delivers a pitch to the plate in sub-state action. Carney tossed a pair of shut-outs last week as Elba defeated Washington County 3-0 and 2-0 to advance to the sub-state finals.

(Photo by Mike Cupps)

Elba Lady Tigers swept in 3A sub-state finals

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their season come to an end Saturday afternoon in the sub-state finals as they were swept by the Marbury Lady Bulldogs, at Marbury.

The losses left the Lady Tigers with a final record of 15-19, while Marbury advanced to the state tournament with a 31-5 record.

Following are highlights of both games:
Marbury 10 Elba 1 - The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never threatened in game one of the best-of-three series as they dropped a 10-1 decision to Marbury.

Marbury combined 9 hits with 7 Elba errors to score in four of its six trips to the plate, while Elba's lone run came in the fifth when Kayla Miller singled off the first base bag, moved around the bases on sacrifice bunts by Molly McGuire and Kala Rials, and scored on a wild pitch.

Kayla Miller got 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Lindsey Carney was tagged with loss inside the circle as she pitched six innings and allowed 9 hits, 4 earned runs and struck out 7 batters.

Marbury 7 Elba 2 - The Elba Lady Tigers saw a mild rally midway through the game fall far short as they lost game two 7-2 to Marbury.

Marbury combined 9 hits with 2 walks, 2 hit batters and 7 errors to claim the win, while Kala Rials had an rbi double to lead Elba at the plate and Melanie Mularz, Molly McGuire and Bethany Wilson all added 1 hit. Lindsey Carney was saddled with the loss inside the circle as she pitched seven innings and allowed 9 hits, 4 earned runs and struck out 3 batters.

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SPORTS



Elba Sox catcher Hayes Spicer turns to throw to first-base after fielding a bunt in recent Dixie Youth Baseball League action. The Sox rallied to defeat Zion Chapel in the game as they continued their winning ways.

(Photo by Mike Cupps)

Chace Sauls tossed no-hitter with 11 strike-outs to grab spotlight in Elba Dixie Boys baseball action

The youth baseball and softball seasons continued last week with Elba Dixie Boys pitcher Chace Sauls grabbing the spotlight by pitching a no-hitter with 11 strike-outs in four innings of work on the mound.

Following are highlights of games played in Elba:

Elba 16 C.C. Cougars 0 - Elba made it look easy last week with a 16-0 win over the Coffee County Cougars, in Dixie Boys action. Chace Sauls was the winning pitcher as he faced 12 batters in four innings and tossed a no-hitter with 11 strike-outs. Gunmar McCollough and Dylan Seay both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Austin Money added 2 hits, Jantzen Flowers had 1 hit and scored 3 runs and

Hanchey, Griffin Martin and Grant Akridge all had 1 hit to lead the Braves, while Dalton Sewell, Talon Flowers, Avery Warkins, Hanchey, Martin and Akridge all scored 1 run. Caleb Knight and Grant Simmons both had 1 hit for Samson, while Boyd Crews, W. Smith, Andrew Wilkerson, Johnson and Knight all scored 1 run.

Zion Chapel Gray 7 Elba Braves 6 - The Zion Chapel Gray claimed a wild 7-6 win over the Elba Braves. Avery

Hanchey, Griffin Martin and Grant Akridge all had 1 hit to lead the Braves, while Dalton Sewell, Talon Flowers, Avery Warkins, Hanchey, Martin and Akridge all scored 1 run. Caleb Knight and Grant Simmons both had 1 hit for Samson, while Boyd Crews, W. Smith, Andrew Wilkerson, Johnson and Knight all scored 1 run.

Brantley Gray 4 Elba Sox 3 - The Elba Sox left the bases loaded in their final at-bat in a 4-3 loss to the Brantley Gray. Justin Pope had 1 hit and knocked in 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Hayes Spicer, Tyler Anderson and Hayden Disotell all added 1 hit. Austin Johnson pitched six innings for the Sox and struck out 13 batters. Clay Halls and Braxton Barnes both had 2 hits to lead Brantley, while Jared Wiley struck out five innings and struck out 10 batters.

Class C softball tournament set for May 25-26 in Andalusia

A "Softball Extravaganza" will be held on May 25-26 at the Andalusia Sports Complex. The tournament will use ASA, Class C rules and the entry fee is \$150 per team. Teams will be allowed to hit three home-runs per game, with all others being an out. No steel cleats will be permitted, and all teams must hit a WSP 44, 375 compression. The deadline to enter is May 24 at 1:00 PM. For more information contact Duke Smith at 222-2714 or 427-3017.

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Children's Miracle Network golf tourney set for May 21 in Troy

The third annual Children's Miracle Network golf tournament will be Monday, May 21, in Troy, Ala.

The three-person scramble is limited to 36 teams. The entry fee is \$75 per person and includes: green fee, cart, lunch and prizes.

Lunch will be at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start for the tourney at Noon. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Hospital.

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Texas driver wins Sidewinder 125 feature at SAS

By Mark Chism

South Alabama Speedway's Super Late Model Viper Series got underway Saturday night with a stellar field of Late Models in the pits. Austin, Texas, Casey Smith dominated early, then took advantage of Wayne Anderson's misfortunes to take the win in the Sidewinder 125.

Smith set fast time in qualifying and led the 21-car field to the green flag. Smith steadily pulled away from Ryan Sieg and Steven Davis as the race went green for the first 35 laps. When the race went back to green, Smith again pulled away. At lap 50, Smith led Sieg, Davis, Chris Davidson, and Anderson.

The race got a little wild around the halfway point, with a rash of cautions. Anderson lined up third when the caution periods calmed. On the restart, he blasted past Sieg on the outside to take second. Four laps later, he worked his way past the leader. Anderson could gain a slight advantage over Smith, but Smith kept fighting back, nipping at Anderson's bumper.

The final caution of the night came with 10 laps to go. As Anderson powered up, he spun his tires and pulled to the inside, off the pace with a broken axle. Smith took control and eased away from Sieg to take his first win at South Alabama Speedway.

In local action, Ricky Brooks dominated the Modified Feature. Brooks had to hold off Edward Berry in the middle portions of the race, but handling problems prevented Berry from making a serious push for the lead. Berry eventually spun, leading to an easy win for Brooks. While Brooks was taking the checkers, Berry and Shannon Burns were battling for second. Berry got into the back of Burns, sending Burns spinning. Although Berry crossed the line second, track officials penalized him, moving him back to the last car on the lead lap. Burns was awarded second.

With the Super Stocks off for the night, Jody Henderson climbed into a Street Stock and led flag to flag to take the win. Henderson's only real challenges for the front spot came on restarts as Jason Fowler tried to steal away the win. However, Henderson crossed the stripe several car lengths ahead of Fowler.

Billy Maxie led flag to flag to win the Roadrunner Feature. Maxie was never challenged in the race as he sped away from the start. Tony Tidwell and Charles Gardner had tight battle for second before Gardner spun on lap 23. Tidwell didn't have anything for Maxie on the restart and settled for second.

In the Mini Sportsman Feature, Jeremy Peacock took the win over Burl Brunson. For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539, or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamaspw.com

DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL, DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL, Thursday, May 17

In Elba, 6:00 - Elba Braves vs. NB White
7:30 - Elba Dodgers vs. NB Black
In Brantley, 6:00 - Brantley Green vs. Kinston Orange
7:30 - Kinston Green vs. Brantley Monday, May 18

In New Brocton, 6:00 - Samson vs. Brantley Gray Monday, May 21
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TIGERS READY FOR JAMBOREE... Elba Tiger assistant coach Mickey Jacobs works with linemen during a recent spring football practice at Elba High. The Tigers will host Zion Chapel Friday night at Tiger Stadium in a spring football jamboree. Kickoff for the event is set for 7 PM.

(Photo by Mike Cupps)

* Tee-Ball Baseball * Coach-Pitch Baseball *
* Dixie Minor Baseball * Dixie Youth Baseball *
* Dixie Boys Baseball * Dixie Angels Softball *
* Dixie Ponytails Softball * Dixie Belles Softball *
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(Hawkins-Williams Park, Blue Field)
Thursday, May 17
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Tuesday, May 22
5:30 - Whales vs. Roosters

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(Hawkins-Williams Park, Red Field)
Thursday, May 17
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Coffee County Commissioners continue to look at hiring process for new county administrator

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners took only a small step forward Monday, May 14, in their search for a new county administrator.

Deadline for applications for the vacant position was Friday, April 11, and Monday morning commissioners were unsure how many applicants they received. The applications had not yet been picked up.

Commissioner Robert Stephens wondered how the commission was going to decide who gets to be the next county administrator. He indicated he felt the commission should decide on some sort of grading system and follow it.

At the previous commission

meeting, the majority agreed that all seven commissioners should be involved in the hiring process. Yet, the group seemed to agree Monday morning that a system needed to be developed for the commissioners to all follow.

Commission chairman Jim Thompson made a motion for commissioners Robert Stephens, J.L. Weeks and Tom Grimsley to get together and come up with a grading system as soon as possible for the seven commissioners to go by. His motion died for lack of a second.

After a lengthy discussion of commissioners suggesting "why don't we do this," commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion with a second from Commissioner Bernest Brooks

for the chairman to appoint someone to come up with a grading system. This motion passed with a 6-0 vote (Commissioner Linda Westbrook was not present for the meeting).

Following the approval of Stephens' motion, Thompson asked commissioners to vote on his appointment of J.L. Weeks, Robert Stephens and Tom Grimsley to come up with a grading system by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week and supply each commissioner with a copy of the grading system for use in reviewing the applications. His appointment, this time, received approval.

Also during Monday's meeting, A.Z. Stoudemire and Rev. W.L. Peterson addressed com-

missioners asking for their help with some dirt work at a site for the SE District Building on County Rd. 377 (in the Brooksville community). The purpose of the dirt work, according to Stoudemire, is to prepare an area for youth activities for youngsters living in the rural area.

"The youth could have somewhere to play if we could get this work done," Stoudemire said. Rev. Peterson said he believes this project would be very beneficial to the area and said it is vitally important to get it done.

"Our young people, that we talk about all the time, we must do something for them," Commissioner Brooks said. "This is the beginning of a move

to start something for children that are left out."

Brooks said he believes it is important to provide recreation opportunities to the youth living in rural areas. He said the efforts by the SE District will do that.

Commissioner Thompson asked county engineer Randy Tindell and Commissioner Brooks to look at the site on County Rd. 377 for the proposed dirt work to see what can be done to help the group. He asked them to bring something back to the commission for consideration.

In other business, commissioners:

- * Approved a request from Tindell to allow him to order 10

of the 30-yard roll off containers on bid.

* Approved a request to purchase a van off the state bid. According to assistant county administrator Kim Newman, the van will be used by the county extension office.

* Approved a request to appoint Shirley Scofield, Heflin Smith and Cliff Donaldson to the Mental Health board.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be held Tuesday, May 29, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex. The meeting will be held on Tuesday due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday of that week.

Shiloh Baptist Church celebrates 150 years



A brief history of the church:

Shiloh Baptist Church was constructed on May 23, 1857. M.B. Halstead, clerk, "Owing to the awful calamity that prevails in the Confederate States, and that unholy war," He expressed the hope "that God would intervene and bring the war to a speedy end, and our members and friends may return home."

Times were difficult at the church in the post-war era. The church voted to meet with representatives from New Providence Church in 1868 to consider the consolidation of the two congregations. At this meeting the delegates from the two churches agreed to combine, but at the next conference at Shiloh the members rejected the move.

Around 1878 the church took a very unusual action for its day in that they granted a woman, Mrs. Mussewhite, permission to preach in the church building. For a woman to occupy a pulpit was almost unheard of in that day.

During the late 1800's and early 1900's Shiloh was requested by Sileam Church and Albion Church to ordain men to preach the Gospel. Also during the 1920's Shiloh became inactive for a period of time. A tent revival meeting near the home of Edmond Hatcher secured 25 members and the church reopened. Again in 1940 the church became inactive. In 1946 a revival was held and the church reopened.

The Church has been rebuilding and renovated several times during its history. In 1997 the current church was built. It is located on the same grounds of the original church site. Also adjacent to the church is the church cemetery. There are many Civil War Veterans buried here.

There have been several occasions where Satan has tried to close the church but God has

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